LETTERS

FROM THE LORD *GENERALL* HIS QVARTERS, AND THE particulars thereof.

ALSO,

A great Victorie at *Malpeſse*, againſt 1000. of the VVeſtmerland Forces, of the Duke of Yorks Regiment, and others; where were taken priſoners:

The Major of the Duke of Yorks Regimen: of Horſe.
2 Serjeant Majors more. 2 Captains, and other Officers.
3 Collonels ſlain upon the place.
2 Serjeant Majors, and 40 Gentlemen, and other Officers ſlain.
200 Armes taken, and all the pillage of the Field.
And all the reſt Routed, and fled.

AS ALSO,

A Parley about the ſurrendring of *Leverpoole*, and the particulars thereof. And 2 Ships of Iriſh Rebels expected there: with other matters of great concernment.

The particulars being examined, and printed according to Order.

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A GREAT VICTORY obtained by Sir *William Bruertons* Forces, against the Westmerland Forces, at *Malpesse* in *Cheshire*, August 26. 1644.

SIR,

IT hath pleased God to give us a further victorie against the Enemie, by a small handfull of Sir *William Bruertons* Forces; On Saterday last, being the 24. of August, 1644. there came a Trumpeter from the Enemie hither to *Nantwich*, Sir *William Bruerton* being then here in the Town: which Trumpeter coming to our Court of guard, and there it being demanded of him whither he went, and from whence he came: told the Officer that he came from Prince *Ruperts* Forces, and had been Trumpeter to him, and was come to submit to the Parliament; and had a businesse of consequence to declare to the Governor; and accordingly he was brought to Sir *William Bruerton*.

And he declared unto Sir *William Bruerton*, that a party of the Westmerland forces were marched with Collonel *Baynes*, Collonel *Conniers*, Sir *Marmaduke Langdale*, the Princes Troop, and others, towards Chester by Malpesse, about 1000 men in all, to joyn with Prince *Puperts* forces there; whereupon Sir *William Bruerton* sent out Scouts, and entertained this Trumpeter, and as you shall understond found this Relation true.

So Sir *William Brugton* called a Councell of Warre to conſider upon this buſineſſe, and it was agreed, that what horſe and foot could be drawn forth, ſhould preſently be ſent towards the Enemie; for the moſt of the horſe were at that preſent out upon another deſigne: and accordingly 8 Troops of Horſe, and 7 Colours of Foot Companies were drawn out on Sonday the 25 of Aug. at night, and the Horſe carried each of them a Musketeir behind them, and marched towards Malpeſſe: and on Monday morning at break of day, when they came with in 2. miles of Malpeſſe or thereabout, our foot alighted, and our Horſe drew themſelves into a bodie, and marched in batalia before the Foot.

In the mean time the Enemie having intelligence hereof, ſent out a forlorn-hope: but our Horſe wheeling about, appeared not on that ſide of the Town which they expected; who diſcovering them, endeavoured to get between the town and them, which they did: and falling upon them, killed, and took them all, and had their arms and pillage.

Then our horſe gave them an Alarm in the Town: whereupon the Enemie iſſued out, and marched againſt ours. Then Lieutenant Collonel *Iones*, and Captain *Zanchy* led on Sir *William Bruertons* own Troops upon the forlorn hope, who charged the Enemie gallantly, and with great courage drew on the reſt. The Enemie came upon them firſt with 2. or 3. Charges, and indeed fought furiouſly; & Sir *Williams* horſe made good their ground in deſpight of the Enemie. In which Collonel *Iones* was ſo valiant, that he was ſhot in the thigh, and his horſe ſhot under him, and had like to have been taken, but that *George Parker*, ſervant to Sir *William Bruerton* did valiantly fetch him off; and Captain *Zanchy* had his horſe ſhot under him: the Enemies loſſe we beleeve was great.

Then

Then the Enemy ſent out a party to ambuskado the hedges, on both ſides the forlorne hope: which being diſcovered, Captaine *Zanchy* all this while making good a Lane, which hee held very advantageous, did hereupon leave the lane and made way for the reſt of our Forces to march up in a full body.

Then the Enemy appeared in 5 ſeverall Brigads, who being extreamly vext that they had bin ſo baffled with ſuch a ſmall party, their Command marched up againſt us with a great deale of fiercenesſe, but few of them returned backe againe; for we killed, tooke, and totally routed them, as you may ſee by this incloſed liſt which I hrve ſent you of the particulars thereof, we have taken Priſoners Serjeant Major *Cromwell*, who Commanded as Maior the Duke of *Yorkes* Regiment of Horſe, and alſo Serieant Maior *Maxie* of Sir *Charles Lucas* his Regiment, we have alſo taken Serieant Maior *Crathorne* of Colonel *Ferhars* Regiment, and Captain *Thomas Clavering* brother to Coll: *Clavering* of the North, who is dead at *Kendall*, Captain *Barker*, Lieutenant *Mountain*, and other Officers beſides about 20 other Priſoners, and two of the Maiors, and Lieutenant *Mountain*, are wounded, Collonal *Baines* and Coll: *Conyers* are both ſlaine, and alſo Serjeant Maior *Heskey*, and one of their Lieutenant Collonels, and ſome 40 Gentlemen and other under Officers, and betweene 30 or 40 common Souldiers; and we heare by one that is come from *Cheſter*, that one Serieant Maior that was ſlaine is brought to *Cheſter* to be buried, & that Sir *Marmaduke Langdale* is there wounded with a ſhot in the back very dangerouſly, and alſo that Captain *Harris* is brought thither wounded, and divers others; and we heare that there are two other Serjant Majors of theirs ſlaine, but that I cannot affirme, we have taken many Armes that were ſcattered up and down by the Enemy, and gained all the pillage in the field, to God be the praiſe.

Sir *William Brereton* had provided us more horſe if we had had need which came up that very night, but God be thanked we had no need of them, for God was pleaſed to give us this happy Victory before they came up to us.

Prince

Prince *Rupert* wee heare is gone over the Forreſt of *Deane*, and ſo to *Briſtoll*, where no doubt Sir *Iohn Winter* will doe him the beſt aſſiſtance he can, and we heare that 2000 *Welch* are following of Prince *Rupert*, but of theſe theſe things we ſhall heare more hereafter. In the meane time I cannot omit to declare the valour not onely of Lieutenant Collonel *Iones* and Captaine *Zanchy* as before, but alſo how Captaine *Church*, and Captain *Finch*, behaved themſelves very gallantly in this Fight, and indeed generally all our Forces to God be the praiſe who ſo bleſſed them, that with the ſaid 8. Troopes of Horſe, and 7 Companies of Foot, did kill, take, and rout 1000 of the Enemies, and they had a good mind to have followed them, but that it was too dangerous an attempt with ſo few Horſe to ſtraggle from our Foot, who in this buſineſſe did very good ſervice, in all this we had but one ſlaine, and the Enemy took not one Priſoner of our men.

We heare that Sir *Iohn Meldrum* ſtill proves Victorious in *Lancaſhire*, and hath againe taken 140 horſe and their riders; and that *Liver-poole* is now cloſely beſeidged, and the Town being ſummoned, the *Lancaſhire* forces before it had a very great expectation that it would be preſently ſurrendred, but it fell out otherwiſe, for the Malignants of the Town, with the Governour and Officers perſwaded the people to beleeve that there were 2. Ships with ſouldiers from *Ireland* comming thither, who would certainly be there in few days to ſtrengthen the Town, and ſo for preſent they ſtand out, but are cloſely beſeiged; and it is hoped will be forced in ſhort time to yeeld. Sir *William Brereton*, our Generall his care in this and all other buſineſſe is exceedingg great, and with good diſcretion and judgement. He is to to call a Councell of Warre, and you will ſhortly heare further, if god be pleaſed to

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bleſſe us, as he hath done wonderfully already, even above our expectation, to him be the praiſe.

Dated at *Nantwich*
the 29 of *Auguſt* 1644.

A Liſt of the particulars of that great Victory obtained againſt the Weſtmorland *Forces at* Malpaſſe *on Munday the 26 of Auguſt*, 1644.

Taken Priſoners in this Fight.

MAjor *Cromwell*.
Major *Maxie*.
Major *Cratherne*.
Captaine *Thomas Clavering*.
Captaine *Barker*.
Lieutenant *Mountaine*.
Some other inferiour Officers,
Twenty common Souldiers.

Wounded in this Fight.

Sir *Marmaduke Langdale*.
Two Serjeant Majors.
Captaine *Harris*.
One Lieutenant, and other Commanders.

Slaine of the Enemies party.

Collonel *Baines*.
Collonel *Conyers*.
One Lieutenant Collonel.
Serjeant Major *Meskit*.
One Serjeant Major beſides.

Forty

Forty Gentlemen, and other Officers. Besides divers common Souldiers.

Taken also about 200 Armes, and all the Pillage of the Field.

Yesterday there came letters from my Lord Generals quarters, which certifie that his Excellency doth still make good his ground, and is in a very good condition, and expects Sir *William Waller* to fall in the reare of the Kings Army; as also that the Kings forces are very many, and the Gountry very base to my Lord Generall, yet notwithstanding my Lord is very couragious, and his forces cheerfull, and make good the advantages still which they had gained of the Enemy, and that they have many continued skirmishes, and for a battell, God of his infinite goodnesse protect them.

FINIS.